

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COMMISSION MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE  
LONGPORT, NJ 08403  
WEDNESDAY, April 18, 2018 – 4:30 PM**

Meeting was called to order and Municipal Clerk Conlon read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act (4:35 pm) and the flag salute was conducted.

ROLL CALL:	Nicholas Russo	present
	James P. Leeds, Sr.	present
	Daniel Lawler	present

Engineer Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, CFO Kelly, Municipal Clerk Conlon, Chief Culmone, Michael Garcia, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kyle also in attendance.

Emergency exit/fire drill/ public speaking limit – announced by Mayor Russo.

Approval of minutes- Municipal Clerk Conlon requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2018, Borough of Longport Commissioners Workshop meeting. Commissioner Leeds made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Lawler to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2018, workshop meeting. ALL AYES- none opposed.

Matthew Kelm beach patrol chief promotion ceremony.

Mayor Russo called for a five minute recess. The meeting was resumed at 4:48 pm, motion Commissioner Lawler, second Commissioner Leeds. All In Favor – yes.

Budget highlights presentation by Michael Garcia. Fourth year in a row with no increase in local purpose tax.

Public hearing on the municipal budget. No one wished to speak. Motion to approve budget by Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Russo – yes, Commissioner Lawler – yes, Commissioner Leeds – yes. All ayes. None opposed.

The municipal clerk reviewed the listed ordinances.

Ordinances – Second Reading/ Public Hearing.

Number	Title
2018-04	An Ordinance Amending Article II “Mercantile Licenses” Chapter 111 “Licenses” Section 24 “Fees”
Purpose	Authorizes Fees for Farmers Market to be set by Resolution
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion- Mayor Russo, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to approve ordinance #2018-04.

Roll Call Vote	Comm. Lawler - Yes   Comm. Leeds – Yes   Mayor Russo - Yes   ALL AYES. None opposed.
2018-05	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 161 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Longport, Atlantic County, New Jersey as it Pertains to No Parking on Atlantic Avenue
Purpose	The purpose of this Ordinance is to remove the Seasonal Restriction of No Parking on the South Side of Atlantic Avenue between May 15 and September 15 and permit parking on the South Side of Atlantic Avenue at all times.
Public Comment	<p>Beth Kwart of 125 N. Derby Avenue, Ventnor – representing local chapter of Surf Rider, NJ. Spoke in support of the parking ordinance as means to increase public access to beaches.</p> <p>Joe DiLorenzo of 104 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Longport – spoke against passage of ordinance due to safety concerns. Stated that the Point area is dangerous with rocks falling into bay, needs repairs. Also had photographs of the area. Would like to work together with governing body on solution.</p> <p>Guy Giordano of 1303 Atlantic Avenue, Longport – spoke against passage of ordinance due to safety concerns. Noted the need for a traffic impact study prior to passing ordinance. Expressed that safety of all must be considered prior to enacting ordinance.</p> <p>Anthony Monzo, Esq., 211 Bayberry Dr., Cape May Court House, - on behalf of several clients that live in Point area. Noted that his clients oppose passage of ordinance due to public safety concerns. Stated that a traffic engineer was retained by clients who can provide reasons why governing body should not adopt the ordinance. Mr. Monzo stated there are public safety concerns for emergency vehicles in that area. He added that new homes being built with adequate off-street parking. Stated need for a traffic study prior to passing ordinance. Mr. Monzo requested that the ordinance be tabled and that a traffic study be conducted.</p> <p>Andrew Feranda, a traffic consultant retained by several Point area residents, spoke that there are reasonable safety concerns that should be looked into prior enacting ordinance. Mr. Feranda, stated a need for traffic study to discover impacts and understand them.</p> <p>Steve Jasciecki of 112 N. Lancaster Avenue, Margate, spoke in favor of the ordinance with adequate protection for the public.</p>

<p>Motion</p>	<p>Bruce Funk of 102 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Longport – noted that as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Borough of Longport for nearly 50 years that the Point area does not pose a problem for emergency vehicle access.</p> <p>Levon Clayton of 3016 Winchester Avenue – noted that as a former member of the Longport Beach Patrol, he could recall parking on 11<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> avenues. He believed that the seasonal restriction was implemented sometime in the 1980s.</p> <p>Patrick Armstrong of 3307 Amherst Avenue spoke in favor of the ordinance indicating that as Longport residents they never had access to the beach on the blocks between 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> because there was no parking.</p> <p>Joe DiLorenzo wished to provide a follow up comment noting that in the last 18 months nearly 45 new homes were built and that these new homes must have off street parking. He added that this will help provide more street parking in the borough.</p> <p>Mayor Russo asked Police Chief Culmone if he had any concerns based on the public comments heard. Chief Culmone noted that he understood both sides of the aisle. He further noted that he did not have access to any studies.</p> <p>Motion- Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Mayor Russo to approve ordinance #2018-05.</p>
<p>Roll Call Vote</p>	<p>Comm. Lawler - Yes    Comm. Leeds – Yes    Mayor Russo - Yes    ALL AYES. None opposed.</p>
<p>2018-06</p>	<p>An Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)</p>
<p>Purpose</p>	<p>Authorizes the municipality to exceed municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Motion</p>	<p>Motion- Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to approve ordinance #2018-06.</p>
<p>Roll Call Vote</p>	<p>Comm. Lawler - Yes    Comm. Leeds – Yes    Mayor Russo - Yes    ALL AYES. None opposed.</p>
<p>2018-07</p>	<p>An Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance2016-16 for Various Capital Improvements or Purposes</p>

Purpose	Amends Bond Ordinance 2016-16 to allow the remaining monies to be repurposed for various capital improvements or purposes
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion- Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Mayor Russo to approve ordinance #2018-07.
Roll Call Vote	Comm. Lawler - Yes    Comm. Leeds – Yes    Mayor Russo - Yes    ALL AYES. None opposed.
2018-08	An Ordinance Appropriating Unexpended Bond Proceeds to Finance Additional Capital Improvements
Purpose	The purpose of this amendment is to appropriate amounts as originally specified in Bond Ordinance No. 2016-16 from Improvements to Borough’s Roadway Storm Drainage System and Repairs and Improvements to Shorefront Protection Plan Projects to Improvements to Various Municipal Buildings including but not limited to Municipal Hall, Old Municipal Building, Community Building, Public Works Building and Fire House
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion- Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to approve ordinance #2018-08.
Roll Call Vote	Comm. Lawler - Yes    Comm. Leeds – Yes    Mayor Russo - Yes    ALL AYES. None opposed.

There were no comments or questions on the resolutions listed on the agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Number	Title
2018-41	Approving the Award of a License to Conduct Beach Vending Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of Licensure and the Sealed Bid Established by Resolution 2018-30 MOTION - LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.
2018-42	Resolution Approving Final Adoption of the 2018 Borough of Longport Municipal Budget The Municipal Clerk read into the record: <i>Be is resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic that the budget</i>

	<p><i>hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute and appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$6,027,922.92.</i></p> <p>MOTION-LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER. ROLL CALL – Mayor Russo – yes. Commissioner Lawler – yes, Commissioner Leeds – yes. All AYES- none opposed.</p>
2018-43	<p>Award of Contract to Gaudelli Brothers, Incorporated, Millville, New Jersey for the 2018 HVAC Improvements to Municipal Hall and Firehouse Buildings 2305-05 Atlantic Avenue</p> <p>MOTION-RUSSO, SECOND-LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed.</p>
2018-44	<p>Resolution Establishing an Emergency ‘No Parking’ Area, and Detouring Traffic During the 2018 Memorial Day Parade</p> <p>MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND-LAWLER, ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>
2018-45	<p>Resolution Authorizing a Tax Refund Due to Overpayment</p> <p>MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND – LAWLER, ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>
2018-46	<p>Resolution Authorizing a Tax Refund Due to Overpayment</p> <p>MOTION – LAWLER, SECOND – LEEDS. ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>
2018-47	<p>Resolution Designating Beach Locations in the Borough of Longport for use in Launching and Retrieving of Kayaks on Borough Beaches</p> <p>MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>
2018-48	<p>Resolution Designating the Areas and Times Permitting the Sport of Surfing and Surf Riding within the Borough of Longport</p> <p>MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER, ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>
2018-49	<p>Resolution Opposing Offshore Oil and Gas Activities</p> <p>MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND – LAWLER, ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>
2018-50	<p>Resolution Establishing Farmers Market Fees</p> <p>MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>
2018-51	<p>Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Longport to Renew a Concession Agreement with an Electronic Seller and Distributor of Beach Badges</p> <p>MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>
2018-52	<p>Resolution Designating the Bathing Season and the Guarded Beaches Including Authorized Staffing in the Borough of Longport</p> <p>MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND – LAWLER, ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>
2018-53	<p>Resolution Appointing SLEO I Officers to Serve the Borough of Longport for the Summer 2018</p> <p>MOTION – RUSSO, SECOND – LEEDS. ALL AYES – none opposed.</p>

2018-54	Resolution Establishing a Change Fund for Beach Tag Sales MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL AYES – none opposed.
2018-55	Resolution Appointing a Chief of the Beach Patrol for the Borough of Longport MOTION-RUSSO, SECOND-LAWLER, All AYES- none opposed.
2018-56	Resolution Approving the Application of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department for Conducting a Coin Drop on Ventnor Avenue, a County Road MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER, ALL AYES – none opposed.

**BILL PAY LIST & Financial Summary Report**

Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, Jim Leeds, Sr. asked if there were any questions on the bill pay list. There were none. Commissioner Leeds made a motion to approve the bill pay list, seconded by Mayor Russo. ALL IN FAVOR – ALL AYES/ NONE OPPOSED. Commissioner Leeds read the financial summary report into the minutes. Commissioner Leeds asked if anyone had any questions regarding the financial summary report . NO ONE CAME FORWARD.  
MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR- ALL AYES/ NONE OPPOSED.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Mayor Russo provided an update on the library as the library manager could not stay so late in the meeting. He noted that the library movie nights are very popular and that the library overall is doing quite well. Mayor Russo noted that today’s social luncheon was sponsored by Matt Vassallo of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services and thanked him for his sponsorship.

Commissioner Lawler noted that the Clean Ocean Action beach sweeps are scheduled to take place this Saturday beginning at 9 am.

Commissioner Leeds had no additional reports.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Engineer Carter provided an update on the beach fill project. Engineer Carter also discussed the progress of the elevator project. He provided an update on a project at 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and the beach. He also noted that the borough received an honorable mention for the revetment project.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

There was no solicitor’s report.

**LIBRARY REPORT**

Previously provided by Mayor Russo.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No wished to comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION- LEEDS, SECOND-LAWLER. All AYES- none opposed. (5:47 pm)